

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are amended herein. Claims 1-12 are pending and under consideration. Independent claim 1 (used as an example) recites a compressing unit arranged in the first and second compressing chambers, and adapted to perform a compression operation in a selected one of the first and second compressing chambers in accordance with a change of a rotating direction of the rotating shaft, and to perform an idle operation in the other of the first and second compressing chambers. In contrast, Fujio teaches simultaneous compression in both chambers. Hix teaches a reciprocating compressor in which the rotating direction varies the effective stroke length of the piston. Hix, para. 3. There is no teaching that the chamber is selected according to the rotating direction, thus there is no idle operation in the unselected chamber. Hix refers to Loprete (previously cited), which teaches that the cam changes position depending on the direction of rotation, thereby changing the stroke to be greater or less.

Loprete, claim 19:

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested. The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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